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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of Florida (for himself and Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. MICA, Mr. PETRI, and Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Local Census Quality  
5 Check Act”.

### 6 **SEC 2. POSTCENSUS LOCAL REVIEW.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 5 of title  
8 13, United States Code, is amended by adding after sec-  
9 tion 142 the following:

1 **“§ 143. Postcensus local review**

2       “(a) Each decennial census taken after the date of  
3 enactment of this section shall include an opportunity for  
4 postcensus local review, similar to that afforded as part  
5 of the 1990 decennial census, so that local governmental  
6 units may review household counts, jurisdictional bound-  
7 aries, and such other data as the Secretary considers ap-  
8 propriate for the purpose of identifying discrepancies or  
9 other potential problems before the tabulation of total pop-  
10 ulation by States (as required for the apportionment of  
11 Representatives in Congress among the several States) is  
12 completed.

13       “(b) Any postcensus local review afforded under this  
14 section in connection with a decennial census shall be con-  
15 ducted in conformance with the following:

16               “(1) Not later than February 1st of the year in  
17 which such census is taken, the Secretary shall no-  
18 tify local governmental units as to the guidelines for,  
19 and shall furnish them with any other information  
20 pertinent to, their participating in the upcoming  
21 postcensus local review.

22               “(2)(A) Not later than 30 days before submit-  
23 ting to a local governmental unit the data subject to  
24 its review under this section, the Secretary shall fur-  
25 nish to such unit the appropriate block level maps  
26 and lists of housing units.

1           “(B) Not later than August 1st of the year in  
2           which such census is taken or, if earlier, the 30th  
3           day after the date on which the nonresponse follow-  
4           up process for such census is completed, the Sec-  
5           retary shall submit to each local governmental unit  
6           the data which is subject to review by such govern-  
7           mental unit under this section.

8           “(C) For purposes of subparagraph (B), the  
9           date on which the nonresponse followup process for  
10          a census is completed shall be as determined by the  
11          Secretary.

12          “(3) A local governmental unit shall have 45  
13          days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal pub-  
14          lic holidays) to review the data submitted to it under  
15          paragraph (2)(B), and to submit any challenges re-  
16          lating to such data.

17          “(4) The Secretary shall investigate all chal-  
18          lenges timely submitted under paragraph (3), recan-  
19          vass such blocks or other units as the Secretary con-  
20          siders appropriate in connection with any such chal-  
21          lenge, and correct any miscounts identified pursuant  
22          to any such challenge.

23          “(5) Not later than November 1st of the year  
24          in which such census is taken, the Secretary shall,

1 with respect to each challenge timely submitted  
2 under paragraph (3)—

3 “(A) complete the measures required under  
4 paragraph (4) with respect to such challenge;  
5 and

6 “(B) notify the local governmental unit  
7 that submitted such challenge as to the meas-  
8 ures taken in response thereto.

9 “(c) As used in this section—

10 “(1) the term ‘decennial census’ means a decen-  
11 nial census of population conducted under section  
12 141(a); and

13 “(2) the term ‘local governmental unit’ means  
14 a local unit of general purpose government as de-  
15 fined by section 184, or its designee.”.

16 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
17 tions for chapter 5 of title 13, United States Code, is  
18 amended by inserting after the item relating to section  
19 142 the following:

“143. Postcensus local review.”.

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